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**\$95 million
from U.S. to
charter schools
28 in New Jersey in
line for \$2.76 million**

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

Tuition-free and virtually open to all, at least 48 charter schools will open to nearly 10,000 students in New Jersey this month, designed to be accountable to the public and responsive to student and parent needs. Their popularity is growing fast. Nationwide, more than 1,200 operated last school year, but more than 1,700 are expected this year. In Paterson, for instance, four charter-styled schools will open for the first time, including the new High-tech High School.

To help meet the demands of their growing popularity, New Jersey will get more than \$2.7 million in new federal funds through a \$95 million round of federal grants, said President Clinton, who asked Congress for \$130 million for the Public Charter Schools Program.

More than \$54 million is for existing schools in 13 states, with the rest going to the first of three-year grants for starting up and developing new charter schools.

"With this step, we'll help to raise standards, raise expectations and raise accountability, by having public schools that are free to create, to innovate, and be held accountable," said Clinton, whose goal is 3,000 such schools by 2002.

Charter schools are actually public schools operating with a contract - or charter - from a public agency. They are created by groups of parents, teachers, school administrators, or others

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who want to provide alternatives within the public school system.

Charter schools offer parents and students more choice in the kinds of public education available to them, coupled with public accountability," Education Secretary William Riley added. "It's clear that charter schools are the right public school option for an increasing number of students."

Various kinds of partners contribute, including local businesses, museums and community organizations.

Charter schools are never sectarian like parochial schools. They have to obey all civil rights, health and safety laws just as all public schools must. They must meet standards for students set forth in their charters, as well as school-wide standards, or the chartering agency can shut them down.

To be eligible for the new grants, schools must have operated for at least three straight years and demonstrated improved students achievement.

In New Jersey, the government will allocate a \$2,763,120 grant fund for this 1999-2000 school year. The money awarded to the State Department of Education will be distributed to an unknown number of state-approved charter schools on a competitive basis. Approved schools will be required to submit grant applications to the Department of Education by a deadline yet to be announced.

States can use up to 10 percent of their state grant to fund two-year grants to successful charter schools, allowing them to share best practices with those who are creating new schools and those operating existing public schools.



The 45-year-old Reverend William P. Hayes Homes, 19 acres on Irvine-Turner Boulevard, 17th Avenue, West Kinney and Boyd streets. A \$2 million demolition - using \$1,500 pounds of explosives - instantly leveled these four high-rises on Aug. 28. Four of the 10 towers were demolished in 1997, and the last two will go in several months. Next up for demolition are the newer Stella Wright Homes on Prince Street.

Photo by Carl Chase

Along with Hayes Homes, a chapter ends

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

The destruction of Newark's Hayes Homes continues a long transformation from very poor families concentrated in unmanageable towers to neat, traditional townhouse living.

"We have built 1,000 new townhouses throughout the city, and this makes way for 777 more," Acting Housing Director Robert Graham said on Aug. 28.

Later that day, a demolition blast reduced four of the six remaining 12-story buildings to a pile of rubble. The last two will be demolished with in months.

But it brought no end of the love-hate relationship many had for the place. "There were good times there," said Pearl Cole, who lived there 32 years, from the time she was about 21. "And just like everything else, things changed, like right now, with drugs and all that stuff, but

they didn't bother us. They weren't in my house or in the hallways."

She lives on Bergen Street now in a new townhouse across the street. "The townhouses are beautiful," she said. "I love them...but you don't have the togetherness like we did. You would see people in the hallways...now everyone's off doing their own thing," said Cole, who raised a daughter and cared for a son whose real mother was very young.

In July 1967, living conditions for the area's residents stood as among the issues that led to a firestorm of rebellion that burned across the country. Four days of riots killed 26 and caused millions of dollars damage.

By the 1990 Census, more than 125,000 people had left the city. Then, public housing decayed faster amid shrinking budgets and the emergence of younger, less stable families.

"I'm thrilled," said Housing Commis-



"It makes way for some great things," said Councilman Corey Booker, here with Housing Commissioner Vice President Ida Clark.

Photo by Carl Chase

sion Vice President Ida Clark. "Not that it's coming down, but for what we're gonna put up!"

"This is bittersweet," said Councilwoman Barbara Walker, who lives nearby. "We had our problems, but if you had the fun we had here, you'd understand."

Now, says Cole, "We'll still have our memories, but this chapter is gone now."

To others, the event marked a new beginning. "This is a great opportunity to make Newark better," said former Housing Director Harold Lucas. "I'm sure when they build these high-rises, they thought it was a good idea. It wasn't."

It makes room for "a more community-friendly project," he said. "Housing, stores, economic development, jobs, all these things are possible now."

The new homes will house a diverse community of homeowners, including market-rate and subsidized renters in duplexes and 1- to 4-bedroom homes.

Critics of racist police tactics strike back

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

TRENTON — Top critics of racism and brutality by law officers in New Jersey have intensified their acts of resistance.

The Black Ministers Council of New Jersey last week soiled state officials for inaction on a list of related black and women's issues.

The People's Organization for Progress led a brutality protest on Aug. 28 at the State Police station on the Garden State Parkway in Bloomfield, backing up traffic for miles. And 13 minority Troopers on Monday detailed charges of racial harassment and discrimination in

the ranks in a hearing held by minority legislators.

More than 18 months after the April 1998 shooting of a carload of young blacks on the Turnpike, a grand jury still has made no decision, said the ministers' director, Rev. Reginald Jackson.

"The Ministers Council takes this opportunity today not only to make it clear that we have not forgotten," he said in an Aug. 31 press conference at the State House. "We remain on grand jury watch, expecting justice."

"This council and the minority community are not interested in cosmetic change," Jackson said, referring to predictions that the

first black head of the State Police will be appointed but remain a pawn of the attorney general through an assistant attorney general assigned to monitor the state police force.

"There is today a large cloud of confusion and ambiguity over what authority the next superintendent will have," he added.

"It's unclear who will be responsible for reform mandated by a blue-ribbon panel, or who the superintendent reports to, or what his duties will be, Jackson said.

A day earlier, 13 minority Troopers demanded change from within as they testified to the Legislative Black and Latino Caucus

that racial discrimination hinders their advancement. Many of them are waging legal battles against the police force and the state.

Four of the witnesses leaders the new 100-member Black & Latino Troopers Coalition.

Trooper Darrell Williams said they are not placated by the emergence of black FBI supervisor Carson Dunbar as the likely next superintendent. He said the group will reserve the organization's assessment until they have seen his performance.

Several troopers were nervous about testifying because acting Superintendent Michael Fodorok sent letters advising them of inter-

nal rules limiting public commentary - hand-delivered by Internal Affairs investigators. "When this unit comes, it is never good news," said Trooper Victor Cooper.

State Police spokesman John Hagerty said it was a "courtesy" and using Internal Affairs officers was routine. The troopers testified that they never even heard of "IA" investigators doing mail duty.

Williams said he likes his job after 17 years. "What I am concerned about is I want to get promoted one day. There are mechanisms in place that do not allow that to happen."

The AP contributed to this report.

Students learn about animals at NJCU college program

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National Briefs

SHARPTON HOLDS PRAYER SERVICE FOR JEWISH MAN KILLED

NEW YORK — Last week, activist Rev. Al Sharpton held a prayer service for a mentally ill Jewish man shot 12 times by the police in Borough Park, a section predominantly occupied by Jewish people. Gideon Sush, who was wielding a hammer and wandering the streets before six police officers ambushed him in his basement. Sush was struck in the torso and was dead on arrival at Montefiore Medical Center in the small neighborhood. Sharpton also held a press conference to protest of the fatal shootings and demand that the officers be removed from duty. Sharpton has been in the forefront in battles of police misconduct and racism for many years. Recently he has been center stage in two high profile cases. Haitian immigrant Abner Louima was sodomized by four New York City officers in the West 44th Street immigrant Amadou Diallo shot 41 times by four undercover New York City officers earlier this year.

POSTAL SERVICE UNVEILS MLK STAMP

ATLANTA (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service unveiled a stamp honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the 35th anniversary of "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. The "I Have a Dream" stamp features the slain civil rights leader with the Washington Monument and the reflecting pool in the background. It is one of 15 stamps chosen by the public during a nationwide balloting as part of the postal service's Celebrate the Century commemorative stamp program for the 1990s. Among those attending the unveiling ceremony Saturday at the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change were his widow Coretta Scott King, his son, Dexter, and daughter, Bernice. Also attending were former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch, U.S. Representative Andrew Young, U.S. Rep. John Lewis, Gov. Roy Barnes and Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell.

PANEL DISCUSSES WAYS TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION, HATE CRIMES

CHEYENNE, Wyo (AP) — Better communication between police and minorities would help the fight against hate crimes and other discrimination, members of a panel said. The discussion Saturday was part of the State Conference of the Colorado Montana Wyoming Branches of the NAACP meeting in Cheyenne. "We need an ongoing, working relationship with the community, including the minority," said Laramie County Sheriff Roger Alsop, a panel member. "There's a much more positive effect if we work side by side." Also on the panel were Jessica Ginsburg, chief deputy of the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division, and Joseph Moore with the FBI. "Civil rights violations are the most important violation we work on," Moore said. However, the bureau has worked on only two such cases in Wyoming in recent years, he said. Ginsburg said that just because there are few reported cases, that does not mean they are not happening. "Hate crimes are not limited to any one part of the population or any group or to any urban or rural community," she said.

"The key is hearing about the incident quickly. It's important to make sure the incident is reported to law enforcement immediately." Crimes which are misdemeanors at the local level might be a felony at the federal level, she said. "Federal civil rights laws allow for a lot more prosecutions as a felony," she said. One example, she said, is violating a person's right to fair housing — nearly half of all civil rights violations. John Johnson, national programs director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the panel was on target. "If we fail to communicate, we create gaps instead of building bridges," he said. "In our society, the ability to communicate is a necessity." He said it appears Cheyenne has come to recognize this shortfall and has begun to correct it. "Cheyenne is a lovely community and the people here want to keep it that way," he said.

Essex County College host school for National program



Essex County College in Newark, NJ will participate in the "College For Kids" Program this month. Orientation Sept. 11, 9:00 a.m.

November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Our kickoff and orientation will be on Saturday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m. at Essex County College in Newark, NJ. This educational program is designed to expose nearly 35 kids in each city to an array of traditional and nontraditional careers in the arts, business, communications, education, government, law, medicine, science and technology.

Organizations are welcome to select and sponsor a child in need for the Fall 1999 semester. For more information, please

National Urban League honors Bell Atlantic Foundation President

NEW YORK — Suzanne DuBoise, president of the Bell Atlantic Foundation, is among three recipients of the National Urban League's 1999 Donald H. McGannon Award. The National Urban League President and CEO Hugh Price presented the award to DuBoise during the organization's annual conference in Houston earlier this month.

The awards, created in honor of a former president of the National Urban League, are presented to individuals who epitomize McGannon's commitment, ideas and beliefs in equal opportunity.

Price noted that the relationship between the National Urban League and Bell Atlantic has been substantially enhanced through DuBoise's "amazing advocacy" and hailed her for having been "unwavering in the spotlight and addressing the critical issues which make a difference in the lives of this nation's African-American citizens."

DuBoise was cited for her efforts in securing philanthropic support to address the need for after-school programs for African-American youth and for the National Urban League's technology initiatives, as well as her leadership in increasing Bell Atlantic's



Suzanne DuBoise involvement with the organization's affiliate network.

Expressing appreciation on behalf of Bell Atlantic, DuBoise said, "Distribution of money is relatively easy. Investing it wisely through creating an ongoing relationship that's beneficial to the communities we serve is much more difficult. I'm proud to have played a role in forging the strong relationship that exists between Bell Atlantic and the National Urban League. It's a partnership that augurs well for both of our

organizations." DuBoise noted that Bell Atlantic is committed to fostering diversity in the workplace, to investing in minority communities and to helping combat cyberbullying through its foundation's funding of Internet Web site development for various organizations promoting racial harmony, equality and justice.

DuBoise has been president of the Bell Atlantic Foundation for two years. Prior to the merger of Bell Atlantic and NYNEX, she held a similar position with NYNEX.

A political and civic activist, DuBoise has held top positions in several major political campaigns. She shares the development committee for the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and serves on the New York City Executive Committee for the United Negro College Fund, the National Urban League's Corporate Contributions Board and the Board of Directors of Madison Square Park in Manhattan.

The Bell Atlantic Foundation supports a variety of projects domestically and internationally.

National Feature

African, Hispanic immigrants changing the face of city

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A century that began with immigrants flocking to Ohio's northeast is ending with a migration to the state capital. Led by thousands of Hispanics and refugees from East African conflicts, newcomers are taking advantage of low rents, low unemployment and plenty of work in central Ohio. "Columbus is booming, big and bigger," said Sekou Toure Ba, 39, a Mauritanian who arrived in 1994. "Wherever I go, people ask me, 'Why Columbus?' My answer is, 'Why not Columbus?'" Hispanics, mainly Mexicans, make up the largest group of recent immigrants in Columbus. Linda Garcia, executive director of the state Hispanic-Latino Commission, estimates that the number of Hispanics here — 25,000 in the 1990 census — has doubled.

"In my work I have encountered people who are moving from states such as California, New Mexico, New York, because they've heard of the jobs here," she said.

Columbus' unemployment rate is 2.9 percent, lowest of any big Ohio city. Other immigrants include about 4,500 Ethiopians, 3,000 people from Eritrea — which gained independence from Ethiopia in 1991 — 7,000 South Asians and 2,000 Russian Jews, according to city estimates. Almar Mekonen, a social worker from Ethiopia who settled in Columbus in 1993, estimates about 100 Ethiopians a month are arriving from other U.S. cities or directly from Ethiopia. Most are fleeing renewed tensions following border skirmishes with Eritrea. Many leaving home share the same goal she had.

"To live peacefully, which was America," said Mekonen, 42. Refugees from human rights violations in Mauritania, a country on Africa's west coast, now number at least 400 in Columbus. "That is expected to increase dramatically as the refugees, mostly men, bring their wives and children," said Lou Ensel, city community relations coordinator.

Estimates of the number of immigrants from Somalia run as high as 6,000, up from less than 200 a year ago. Sekou Toure Ba, an outreach worker for an immigrant services agency, gave up on what he described as the crime and overcrowding in Eritrea and moved to Columbus in February.

"There's a lot of job openings here. Some people like to work," said Salve, 42. "They like depending on welfare. They like to help themselves and their families." During the 19th century, Columbus saw large numbers of Germans who arrived as laborers following the European revolutions of 1848. But most immigrants coming to Ohio headed to the state's trio of industrial powerhouses, Akron, Cleveland and Youngstown.

The two great U.S. migrations of the late 19th and early 20th centuries — Europeans crossing the Atlantic and South-ern blacks moving north — largely bypassed the capital city, said Michael Pierce, an Ohio State University history researcher.

"Columbus was a political and commercial city as opposed to an industrial city," he said. "Unskilled laborers could not come to Columbus and get manufacturing jobs." Yet Columbus is the only major Ohio city whose immigrant population has grown in the past few decades.

The percentage of foreign-born residents in Cleveland shrank from 7.5 percent in 1970 to 4.1 percent in 1990. During the same period, the percentage in Columbus grew from 2.1 percent to 3.7 percent, according to 1990 census figures that don't include thousands of African and Hispanic immigrants who came this decade. Columbus City Schools had 1,475 students registered for English as a Second Language classes last year, a 40 percent increase from two years ago. About one-third are Somalis, followed by Hispanic Cambodians, Ethiopians and Eritrean students. Overall, the district has children who speak 66 languages, said Kenneth Woodard, director of ESL and multicultural programs. The increased force the district to hire more than 20 teachers and aides to work in two new centers that will provide intensive English classes this year.

The numbers are indicative of how Columbus is changing, Woodard said.

"You can see there's a lot of people who are speaking other languages, who are different colors," he said. "I'm talking about as you go into the airport, fast food restaurants, etc., those who are working at some of the malls. It's becoming more pronounced."

With 670,000 residents, Columbus is Ohio's biggest city and the nation's 15th largest.

Black mayors establish worldwide associations

ATLANTA — Mayors from Burkina Faso (West Africa) have joined forces with the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM) in order to share common objectives and to promote and enhance cultural, educational, economic and social activities among their members, their cities and the countries.

From the capital city of Ouagadougou, where Mayor Simon Compaore heads the 40-member Mayors Association of Burkina Faso, representatives from the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM) and Burkina Faso's mayors are meeting to sign an official memorandum of agreement declaring a commitment to work together.

Specifically, the mayors have agreed to develop partnerships between their municipalities in order to strengthen economic and community development. These partnerships will be instrumental in creating opportunities for members of each association to experience and explore the rich history, culture, government and politics. They further agreed to engage in the "twinning" of cities between countries and to

develop mechanisms whereby each respective community can learn, work and solve problems together through reciprocal cultural, educational, business, and technical exchange programs.

NCBM is a twenty-five year old organization with a membership of over 460 African-American mayors who represent cities ranging in population from 100 to over two million. Mayor Jesse M. Newsome, from Enrichard, Alabama, and President of NCBM, states "We are honored to be in this relationship with our brothers and sisters from Africa, and I am sure that this will be the beginning of a meaningful exchange of people, products and ideas."

Mayor Simon Compaore and the Vice President of the Mayors Association of Burkina Faso, Mayor Alfred Sanao of Bobo Dioulassa, attended NCBM's annual convention in Denver, Colorado in 1998.

While in the country, the NCBM delegation will meet with the Vice President, H.E. Blaise Compaore, and other high-ranking officials. NCBM, headquartered in Atlanta, is a non-profit, non-partisan organization.

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Stop the word and get off for a minute

No one ever said life would be easy, so where in the world did the notion come from that with life comes some miraculous instant gratification. Wrong. Either we've been watching too much television or we just don't have a clue. Yes, we do live in a world where instant is the name of the game — fast food, microwaves, instant grits to drive-in pharmacies. It's amazing. And while in our day-to-day rush, we forget the significance of having patience, which when you turn into it — patience certainly is a virtue. I couldn't believe how this man behind me in line was breathing down my neck, because I guess I was taking too long to put my change and train ticket in my purse. And get this: The train had not even pulled into the station yet, so he couldn't go anywhere. I had to wonder what is up with that. The culture has adopted impatience as the vengeful wrath in which we conduct our daily lives. This type of behavior has fostered a huge of stories we read about child abuse, road rage and violence in general. We're out of touch with what it means to be human interacting spirits. We don't have time to sit down at breakfast or dinner with our family. We don't even have time to greet each other in the morning on the street. It's easier and quicker to walk by without saying a word — a human disconnection. When I say "good morning," folks look at me like I'm crazy, and that's crazy. Yes, we all have work to do that should have been done yesterday and plans to go that we're probably running late to, but stop the word and get off for a minute and take time to engage in good friendly conversation — you'll live longer, a minute of time, choose to be human again — you'll live longer. Bet!

African people and ancient egypt

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

Until recently, there had been a scholarly debate among European intellectuals, as well as among African intellectuals, referred to as the peeping of ancient Egypt. What this question really poses is who were the black Egyptians? Were they black, white, or mulatto, etc.? This issue has been at the core of African history, or better yet, African history, or better yet, the question of how history is written for more than 200 years. This framework of European hegemony over the history of the world has had a devastating impact on African people and the African mind. It is in this context that we understand the intellectual devaluation of the European conceptualization of the world order. We should understand this in relation to our movement for the re-centered education, aimed at helping our people come out from beneath this European intellectual assault.

Let me quote renowned African deep thinker and scholar Dr. Cheikh Anta Diop. He wrote in the "Race of Ancient Egypt" to help clarify this subject.

Dr. Caruthers observes, "The doctrine of white supremacy was launched by philosophers like David Hume who asserted in 1749 'I am apt to suspect the Negro to be naturally inferior to the whites.' This position was expressed in a different context by Montesquieu about the same time. He further explains, 'In the Spirit of the Laws, Montesquieu asserted, 'It is impossible for us to suppose these creatures to be men because allowing them to be men, a suspicion would follow that we ourselves are not Christians.' Montesquieu was justifying the enslavement of Africans that was one of the major reasons for the founding of the doctrine of white supremacy."

"Obviously the emerging doctrine could not gain credibility among those who were familiar with the traditional wisdom among Europeans that the ancient Africans of Egypt had achieved a very high level of civilization and had transmitted to the ancient Greeks many of the major ideas considered a part of the Greek civilization. The revelation of the concept of Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel supplied the latter difficulty which at the beginning of the 19th century, he asserted that Africa was 'not a historical part of the world.' Hegel stated, 'Historical movement in it that is its north-

State police must have a civilian complaint board

By Lawrence Haman

Recently, demonstration was called by the People's Organization for Progress and a coalition of grassroots groups representing different organizations, different racial and ethnic backgrounds, different religious and ideological beliefs.

But we all agree on one thing, police brutality and racial profiling must be stopped now. For years, state police engaged in racial profiling, but the powers that be denied it existed. The practice was so common that they called it "driving while black." This practice is not only racist but criminal. We are here today to demand the police to stop the practice of racial profiling and the imposition of criminal penalties on officers that engage in this practice.

But the state police are not only guilty of racial profiling, they are also guilty of police brutality. When the state police stopped and fired upon four young men on the New York Turnpike last year that was police brutality. Stanton Creek didn't have to die and those young men didn't have to be shot to death to demand the immediate suspension of officers involved in these incidents who use excessive force.

We are here today to protest the role state police played in the unjust arrest and brutalization of Terrence Everett. We are also protesting the investigation into the death of Orange police officer Joyce Anne Carnegie. Many people are not aware that this was the first time the state police broke into the home of Terrence Everett. Members of his family were there. He was beaten and killed. He was labeled a criminal. He was labeled a murderer.

But real criminals were the ones who broke into his home. Beat him, dragged him into the street and threw him in jail for a crime he did not commit.

During that same murder investigation Earl Faison, who was a said to be a suspect, died while in custody of the state police. During that same murder investigation Earl Faison, who was a said to be a suspect, died while in custody of the state police.

Woman sues the Nation of Islam

By Askia Muhammad

After her sexual discrimination lawsuit against the Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam, a woman has filed a lawsuit with a judge, a Boston woman has resolved to continue her harassment, by appealing to a higher court.

Ruling that the Muslim movement has a First Amendment right to turn people into public enemies, a Massachusetts judge dismissed the lawsuit in early August, which accused the Nation of Islam of discriminating against a woman from a 1994 memo's only rally. "Freedom of religion and freedom of religious expression are basic rights," the judge said. "The Nation of Islam is a religion, and it is a religion that has certain discrimination laws, is applicable here," Judge Regina Quinlan. "The Nation of Islam is a religion, and it is a religion that has certain discrimination laws, is applicable here," Judge Regina Quinlan.

Not to be outdone, Ms. Donaldson announced she plans to appeal Judge Quinlan's ruling, claiming her civil rights were violated when her husband was persecuted in Boston's city-owned Strand Theater on March 10, 1994, while she was turned away at the door. It's unfortunate that she took a case to court and the court errs. It's got my adrenaline going a little bit, and we'll be back," she said. "I feel very vindicated."

Don Muhammad of Muhammad Mosque No.11 in Boston said, "We weren't doing anything wrong. We were responding to God's law. God's law tells us we need to say to people who shall not kill." Support for the Nation of Islam legal victory broad and deep in New England, cutting across racial, religious, class and gender lines, from elected officials, to community activists to black nationalists such as Ahmad Muhammad Abubakar, founder of Boston's "Sons of Africa."

"I am ecstatic," Massachusetts State Sen. Diane Wilkerson (D) told this writer after the court ruling. "I also believe that this is one of those occasions, rare as it may be, where justice won, where the system worked in a way that it intended."

As a lawmaker and a woman, and someone who is very involved

The Battle for New York

By Dr. Manning Marable

For several months, there has been intense media speculation about the pending electoral contest between Hillary Rodham Clinton and Republican New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani for the open Senate seat being vacated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan. A significant number of white liberals and leftists are opposed to Clinton on ideological grounds. In the pages of The Nation and other publications, they point out that both Clinton and Giuliani favor women's reproductive rights, welfare "reform," gun control, and capital punishment. Such criticism failed to take into account the racial dimensions of the Clinton-Giuliani contest.

Even before his election as New York City's Mayor in 1993, Rudolph Giuliani has consistently relied on the politics of racial division and fear. His relentless attacks against former Mayor David Dinkins were a series of racist epithets and threats. Everything worth noting in New York in the early 1990s, from Jewish-black conflicts in Crown Heights to violent crime in Central Park, was attributed to the black mayor. After his election, Giuliani refused to meet the black officials and the black official, State Comptroller H. Kim McCall, for more than four years. He rejected out of hand all proposals for a more powerful black leader, the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Giuliani carefully constructed a coalition united front anchored within the city's white upper class, its professional-managerial elite, by waging what was tantamount to a racist war against the city's racialized minorities and the poor. Giuliani promised affluent whites safer streets, a cleaner and more comfortable urban environment, and the material benefits from a growing local economy. He also promised a return to the liberal constituencies, particularly from organized labor and the Jewish community. He neutral-

A same day invite to participate

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

In two weeks a bill will be introduced into Congress that could significantly alter political participation. The Same Day Voter Registration Act (SDVRA) would permit previously unregistered citizens to register and vote at their polling places on the same day—Election Day.

Representatives Bill Luther (D-MN), Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) have sponsored the bill. It would allow most people time into political campaigns as election day news, yet eligibility to register to vote is based on last year's election day before election day in 44 states. SDVRA allows qualified citizens, with proof of residency, to follow through on their desire to participate. In particular, it encourages first time voters, young people and even people who have moved across state lines to participate in their vote at the polls.

Voter turnout in the U.S. is scandalously low. We rank 52nd out of 54 countries below Russia, the Ivory Coast and the Dominican Republic. In the 1998 mid-term elections, turnout was a shocking 55 percent. Young Americans, 18 to 24-year-olds, participated at an average rate of 15 percent. In Washington DC, it was 5 percent.

Five states which already practice Same Day—Idaho, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Wyoming — have voter turnouts which average 15 percent higher than the national rate. Last year Minnesota led the



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ATLANTIC CITY — The Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority hosts the Distribution Computer Expo '99 at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Call (609) 338-4112.

CHICAGO — U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) hosts the Thirtieth Annual Entrepreneurial Women's Conference at Navy Pier. 7:30 a.m. 1-800-USA-SBA for more information.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

WESTFIELD — The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County hosts a workshop on financial goals for retirement. 7 p.m. (908) 554-9854.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

HEMPSTEAD, NY — Hofstra University's Center for Entrepreneurship and the Scott Skovden Business Development Center will present a free meeting entitled "Entrepreneurial Planning for Business Success." For more information call (516) 463-6333 or 630m.

NEW YORK - TRENTON — Train Ride to Success for corporate executives and minority entrepreneurs leaves New York Penn Station at 10 a.m. and makes regular stops. Reception at 10:30 a.m. Minority Business Development Week event sponsored by NJ Transit and PSE&G. Call (212) 502-5650.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

IRVINGTON — The New Jersey Department for Entrepreneurial Business Minorities and Women Entrepreneurs hosts an entrepreneurial training seminar at the Irvington Senior Center. Call (609) 292-9297 for time.

NEWARK — The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) hosts a seminar on Small Disadvantaged Business Certification Programs at Robeson Hall. 8:30 a.m. 1-800-1-556-0884.

Black contractors sue DOT on racism

By Estes Thompson

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A federal lawsuit claims the state Department of Transportation and white contractors working for it have discriminated against minority-owned firms seeking DOT contracts.

Substantially all of the prime contracts awarded by the DOT in the past five years have been awarded to businesses owned by Caucasian persons," said the lawsuit filed in Greensboro federal court Aug. 4.

The suit seeks unspecified damages and an order from the court for DOT to obey federal civil rights law. The department was reviewing the suit and there was no public comment on it, DOT spokesman Bill Jones said.

The lawsuit was filed for Fletcher Waden Jr. of Winston-Salem, owner of Waden Supply Co., and the Carolina Associated

Minority Contractors of Raleigh.

"We believe that the practices and the policies established are unlawful, they are purposeful. It is rooted in racism," said attorney Jonathan Koffa of Zebulon.

This DOT gets \$400 million in federal funds annually. Koffa said that means it must follow federal laws established by federal civil rights law.

Waden said in a statement from Koffa that he had "waited for this opportunity for many years. We will finally get our day in court and the justice we deserve." The lawsuit contends that many white contractors to use only white subcontractors on highway jobs, a practice it said DOT knows about and allows.

DOT inspectors also apply different standards to work performed by black contractors and subcontractors, the lawsuit said. "Work performed by Caucasian

contractors that does not meet contract and NCDOT specifications is allowed to pass inspection, but work performed by plaintiffs and other African-American contractors which meet contract and NCDOT specifications is routinely failed," the lawsuit said.

White firms, not named in the lawsuit, are accused of practices the complaint said were known to, and tolerated by, DOT: 1) refusing subcontract bids from black firms that outbid other firms, 2) telling black-owned firms not to bother making a bid, 3) using black firms to do work below cost, 4) conspiring with suppliers to delay delivery, forcing minorities off the job, 4) issuing one check to several black subcontractors (and refusing to pay on time) but issuing individual checks to white subcontractors, and 5) revealing black subcontractors' bids to white ones.

Celebrate our businesses

President Bill Clinton recently proclaimed this September 19 through 25 to be Minority Enterprise Development Week. "I call on all Americans to join together with minority business entrepreneurs around the country in appropriate observances," he stated.

Minority business owners are branching out — into the fields of manufacturing, transportation, construction, energy and technology, helping to power the longest peacetime economic expansion in our nation's history," he said.

"During Minority Enterprise Development Week," he said, "as we honor the many minority business owners who have helped to strengthen our economy and enriched our country, let us recognize ourselves for nurturing the dreams and talents of all Americans and to ourselves for nurturing the dreams and talents of all Americans, and to realizing the limitless possibilities of our free enterprise system."

Bell Atlantic and leading minority firms win honors from NMSDC

Corporation and Supplier of the Year Awards were announced by the Minority Supplier Development Council of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

The Corporation of the Year is Bell Atlantic, for its leadership in the field of supplier diversity, for increasing business opportunities for minority businesses.

The Suppliers of the Year exemplify leadership in their field and quality of product, pricing and service. This year's winners are Iris Designs (gross sales of less than \$1 million), Wilson & Wilson Temporary Employment Group (gross sales of between \$1 million and \$5 million) and Collings Industrial Supply, higher gross sales.

Money Matters

Invest by the rules



Dale G. Caldwell

Financial planning unfortunately scares many people. But some fun facts are important to know when you invest. My favorites — Dollar-cost averaging, the "Rule of 72" and compound pennies — may make financial planning far less intimidating.

Dollar-cost averaging, one of the best benefits of investing in mutual funds because it is simple and usually effective. All you have to do is invest the same dollar amount in the same mutual fund every month. The benefit is that you are guaranteed to buy more shares when a mutual fund price is lower and fewer shares when the mutual fund price is higher. It has enabled many mutual fund investors to benefit from the fluctuation in the price of mutual funds. For example, if you invest \$100 a month and the price of the mutual fund is \$10 per share, you buy 10 shares the first month. If the price drops to \$5 a share in the second month then you buy 20 mutual fund shares. Finally, if the price of the fund goes back to \$10, you buy another 10 mutual fund shares. You now have a total of 40 mutual fund shares (10 plus 20 plus 10) worth \$400 (40 times \$10), but you only invested \$300. Because of Dollar-cost averaging you can increase the value of your portfolio even though the price of your mutual fund never went above your purchase price. It doesn't guarantee you make money, but it has traditionally been a smart way to invest.

Rule of 72. What if you don't have a calculator and someone asks you the following question: "I have \$10,000 to invest, how long will it take my money to double at a 12 percent interest rate?" Most people would say, "I have no idea." Most good financial planners would simply refer to the "Rule of 72" and say "about 6 years." The "Rule of 72" basically tells you if you divide the interest rate you anticipate receiving on an investment by 72 you will get the approximate number of years that it will take for that investment to double. For example, if you have a certain amount of money to invest and you anticipate that you can get a 10 percent interest rate, your money will double in 7.2 years. This is an excellent way to quickly determine what you need to invest to achieve your financial goals. Imagine that you want to buy a house in 6 years. You estimate that you will need \$40,000 for the downpayment on the house. However, you only have \$20,000 saved for the house. Now that you know "The Rule of 72" you recognize that you will have to find an investment that will provide a 12 percent annual interest rate to double your money in 6 years.

Compound interest. If someone offered you the following choice: work for 35 days at a salary of \$100,000 per day or work for 1 cent the first day and double the payment each subsequent day (i.e. 2 cents the second day, 4 cents the third day, etc.) which would you choose? Most people would choose to work for 35 days at a salary of \$100,000. Unfortunately, they don't understand the power of compound interest. By working for 35 days at a salary of \$100,000 you would receive \$3,500,000. However, because of compounding, the second choice would bring you \$339,456,652.80 — making you \$335,956,652.80 richer than those who do not understand the power of compound interest.

Now you know three financial planning fun facts to always remember when investing. But be careful, sharing these at parties may establish you as the resident financial planning expert. Enjoy it while you can.

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BELLEVILLE — Christ Episcopal Church hosts homecoming celebration and festival, 12 p.m. (373) 751-0616.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

BELLEVILLE — Christ Episcopal Church presents "Festival Eucharist," a stand of the Holy Cross, 7 p.m. (373) 751-0616.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BELLEVILLE — Christ Episcopal Church presents "Hymn Festival," 7 p.m. (373) 751-0616.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

HAWTHORNE — Hawthorne Gospel Church will host the 38th Annual Christmas Ministries Convention through Oct. 23. Call (800) 363-4140 for time and information.

Different faiths, ethnicities join in march

By Cadonna M. Peyton

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Outraged over a racially motivated shooting rampage at a Jewish community center and fatal shooting of a mail carrier, about 500 people of different ethnicities and religious faiths joined together in a unified voice.

"We are protesting hate. We are protesting people who promote hate. We would love to see American stand firm against violence," said Rita Zanki, a 40-year-old mother from Woodland Hills who brought her four children ages 11 to 26 to the march and rally. The March Against Hate was held in the wake of the North Valley Jewish Community Center shooting that left a woman, a teenage camp counselor and three children injured. Buford O. Furrow Jr., of Olympia, Wash., has been charged with murder and attempted murder in the Aug. 10 shooting. Shortly after leaving the Center, the 37-year-old white supremacist allegedly killed Filipino-American postal worker Joseph Beto. Although no hate crime is alleged under federal law, a U.S. attorney's spokesman said the case is under investigation, and civil rights charges could be added later.

As the crowd marched, some chanted, "No more hate. We march for peace." One infant stroller had a sign strapped to it that read, "Let peace begin with me." "We want to build unity across perceived grounds — race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion and disability — so that we all respond to every hate crime no matter who that hate crime is perpetrated against," said Jean Morrison, spokeswoman for the march. The mile march ended at a Shadow Ranch Park where Rabbi Dov Fischer of the West Valley Hebrew Academy led a prayer.

"When good people do not stand up to be part of the solution, then indeed we are part of the problem," Fischer said. "Thank you, oh God, for uniting a nation whose hearts and souls had been figuratively linked in one nationwide, single file against hate, a single file like that of the brave children and the brave police officers whom we never will forget."

Ezek Braverman, 43, of Summit, brought her two sons in order to give them a real-life lesson about hate and resolving differences.

"We have to stand up to this. I can't stay silent anymore," Braverman said. "It doesn't have to be an eye for an eye. I'm trying to show my boys there's strength in numbers."

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Harvest Of Hope a bridge over troubled waters nurtures children

SOMERSET — "To whom much is given, much is expected," says new adoptive father Earl Roach, 37. Earl and his wife, Joyce adopted their foster daughter, Tanya (her name has been changed for privacy), 2 after caring for her almost her entire life through the Harvest of Hope Foster Care Program (Harvest of Hope). Tanya, like many of the other 95 homeless babies per week in Essex County, with some in Middlesex and Union County hospitals according to the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) had no home due to her mother's struggle with drugs.

Earl and Joyce first heard of this issue, referred to the "boarder baby" crisis, during their worship service at First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens and instantly felt a responsibility to become foster parents. To become foster parents the Roaches successfully completed the process with Harvest of Hope that included intensive training, inspection of their Somerset home and state and federal background checks. After a year of caring for Tanya, her biological parents were still incapable of providing the proper care

and nurture. The Roaches then began the process to make Tanya a permanent resident in the already family of four; Earl and Joyce have a daughter, 17 and son 9.

The ultimate goal for Harvest of Hope is to reunite foster children with their biological parents. Harvest of Hope's reunification program, which began last fall, reunited Brian with his mother, Marta a resident of Newark, after a two-year separation. Brian, addicted to drugs when Brian was born, was unable to care for him. With the help of Harvest of Hope, Marta and Brian are together. Throughout the program, Marta and Brian had weekly supervised visits at the Harvest of Hope nursery in efforts for them to develop a relationship. As Marta progressed in the program, she was granted overnight and eventually weekend visitation. According to Phyllis Pitts reunification specialist, a support plan developed for parents in the program based on issues that have been identified as barriers for reunification. Pitts coordinates activities that will result in the return of the child, standard to

most support plans are parenting and life skills training and ongoing counseling sessions. "The focus on reunification builds upon existing Harvest of Hope success and seeks to reduce the amount of time that a boarder baby is in foster care," says Clara Robertson, Program Manager.

It is Harvest of Hope's philosophy that without positive intervention from caring and committed communities these "boarder babies" are at-risk to behaviors and circumstances that can lead to unproductive and often destructive lifestyles. Harvest of Hope networks and manages resources statewide to provide a long-term solution for the timely placement of displaced babies. At the core of Harvest of Hope is the Christian Family Services Network that currently consists of 69 churches throughout NJ. The churches in the network have been mobilized to make a formal and active commitment to be the village to assist in raising these children. To date Harvest of Hope has placed 130 children throughout New Jersey.

For more information about the Harvest of Hope Foster Care Program call 888-325-HOPE.

Rev. Olin Brinkley Civil Rights proponent, 91

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (AP) — The Rev. Olin T. Brinkley, a former president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary who spoke out for racial integration early in the civil rights era, died last week at Raleigh Community Hospital at the age of 91.

Brinkley, a Yale Divinity School graduate, served as president of the Southern Baptist school from 1963 until his retirement in 1974. He was also president of the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada from 1994-96.

Brinkley, who was born in Harmony, attended what was then Wake Forest College and received divinity and doctorate degrees from Yale University before returning to North Carolina and serving at Chapel Hill Baptist Church from 1953-68. He later taught at Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. before coming to Southeastern Seminary

in 1962. He became the dean of faculty in 1968. Members of Chapel Hill Baptist Church, inspired by Brinkley's stand on civil rights, formed a new congregation in 1968 dedicated to integration and named it in his honor, the Rev. Jim Pike, a Brinkley church pastor, said Saturday.

Olin T. Brinkley Baptist Church was expelled from the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist State Convention in 1992 for giving a preaching license to gay divinity student. Brinkley is survived by his wife, Pauline Bickman Brinkley, daughters, Pauline Cheek of Weaverville and Janet Erwin of Tallahassee, Fla.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest Baptist Church, 107 E. South Ave., Wake Forest, N.C. 27887 or to Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, P.O. Box 838, Thomasville, N.C. 27361.

Prayer Corner

Allow God to fight your battles

Jehoshaphat heard that a multitude was going to come against him and the people of Judah. So, he was afraid and began to pray and fast. But, the Lord calmed their nervous, he said, "The battle is not yours, but God's" (II Chron. 20:15). None of the people had to lift a finger to win the battle - God fought the battle for they sang.

So, no matter how "great" the adversary is that's coming against us today, tomorrow, whenever — the battle is not ours, but God's. He always causes us to triumph (II Corin. 2:14) and no weapon (misstatement, plotting, gossip, deceit, whatever!) that is formed against us shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17). Shake it off — ignore the devil!!! The Lord is fighting for us!

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Discover your higher purpose

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"A person suffering from amnesia lives a life based on negation, not on affirmation nor on growth and development, but lives life in such a way as to deny life and reality and to deny parts of his own personality and himself." — Dr. Amos Wilson

"When people say that they get married in order to have children, the statement is too limited. It does not take into account that the two spirits who have come together have their own higher purpose. If a couple is married in order to have children, they risk facing to fulfill their own purposes, and this failure is transferred to the child." — Sulefina Some

As Sinitah Some said, many of us get married and have children to experience the American dream: a house, picket fence, 2.2 children, two cars etc., etc. We are so preoccupied with conforming to the programmed images of the zealous consumer we ignore our own souls at a horrific price.

As transplanted, detribalized and disoriented Africans we suffer from a forcibly induced ignorance of what our ancestors were about. We uninformed of our indigenous culture, cosmologies, philosophies and psycho-social systems. We live in a very materialistic culture amongst a people who place little or no economic value on human potential or relationships.

We have been duped into striving to become more and more like them. Consequently, our heritage of communal relationship, filial obligations and mutual aid diminishes with each successive generation. We know almost nothing of our spiritual traditions or the social arrangements that were the hallmark of African cultures throughout the continent.

In many traditional African cultures when a couple learns the wife is pregnant a communal ceremony is performed to discover who the coming child is and its purpose for incarnating in this time and space. Many West African cultures believe a soul chooses his or her destiny or purpose before he or she is even born. In some cultures this is referred to as destiny (Ipin-ori in Yoruba), or predestination.

Her marvelous book, "The Spirit of Ife: A Journey to the Heart of the Yoruba," shares how the elders of the Sagara culture perform a ritual to learn the purpose of the unborn child's incarnation and ask what they can do to be supportive of it. In many African cultures, diviners are called upon to reveal the character and destiny of the child shortly after its birth. We have lost this communal concern and support that used to nurture us and make sure we were true to the reason we had come to this plane in the first place. We suffer from cultural amnesia, and it is destroying us.

Do you know your purpose? Why are you here? Have you given it any thought? Do you subscribe to the Western belief that life is totally random and haphazard with no rhyme or reason? Have you heeded the prompting of the Higher Intelligence within you that has repeatedly attempted to get your attention and guide you to your life's true purpose and destiny?

Most of us are so outer directed, we make a daily mental pilgrimage to Madison Avenue and Hollywood to find out if we are in sync with the flavor of the month. Few of us are fortunate enough to be a part of an African centered community or a circle of true friends where we can actualize our genetic potential and fulfill our divine purpose. Most of us don't discuss these concepts with our family, friends, mates or children.

Marriage is more than just two people coming together to form a nuclear family. It is the union of sacred souls each with a mission and purpose. The African institution of marriage was designed to facilitate the growth, development and actualization of each person's potential within the larger social context of the family, village or tribe. The community was obligated to discern the purpose of each member so he or she could in turn fulfill their destiny and

make a positive contribution to the society. Unfortunately that tradition is diminishing rapidly.

Our children need to see us on task to our life's mission. They need to see their parents being supportive of one another and contributing to the well being of the community. How can we discern our true purpose? In the absence of an authentic African cultural tradition or divination system, we learn via intuition or meditation. Life is meant to be lived from the inside out. The answers lie within us.

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Christine Todd Whitman, Governor

Countdown to 2000

Important Community Announcement

CITYNET 2000

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Having celebrated the last Fourth of July of the 20th century, we encourage the citizens of New Jersey, particularly those in black and urban communities, to take a stand for the betterment of our communities by proclaiming our independence from those things that have kept us from reaching our full potential.

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CITYNET is a deliberate and sustained initiative to build and unite New Jersey's black and urban communities. The three primary objectives are to foster, encourage, and support the broad-based exchange of information, to create and produce a comprehensive array of inclusive statewide programs, and to publicly recognize all levels of achievement, both individual and collective.

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From Paterson to Camden, CityNet will serve as the community center which unites the gospel of the church with the reformation of the education system; the voting drives in the political arena to the accumulation of wealth in urban communities. CityNet will reflect the spirit of the city and the people and forces that keep that spirit alive.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course in vaginal birth after cesarean section. 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530.

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support meeting for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at the hospital's conference room. 6 p.m. (201) 915-2000.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

NEWARK — Metropolitan Baptist Church hosts a men's health forum. 8 a.m. (973) 705-8523.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

WESTFIELD — St. Helen's Church hosts a support group meeting for those caring elderly and chronically ill. 8 p.m. (908) 233-8757.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Saint Peter's University Hospital offers support group for patients who have had or are considering gastric reduction operation at the hospital's conference room. 7:30 p.m. (732) 745-8600.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course in infant care for adoptive parents. 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530.

SKILLMAN — The Carrier Clinic hosts the Second Annual Celebration of Women's Health at the Cherry Valley Country Club. Call (908) 281-1460.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support group meeting for breast cancer survivors at the hospital's conference room. 5 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

CRANFORD — Gerry Cooney, Leslie Kay Sterling, & Keith Coulouris lead walkers in "America's Walk For Diabetes." The walk will take place at Nonahagan Park in Cranford. Call 1-(800)-254-WALK for time and information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

A Salute to Minority Health

Dr. Coles' holistic therapy heals the mind, body and spirit naturally



Dr. Charles Coles (right) examines the energy level of a patient at his office in East Orange. Jean H. Pierre Staff Writer

EAST ORANGE — Years ago, if you wanted the best care for whatever ailed you, you went to the doctor. Now there are alternative treatments and remedies that get the job done and save money. While some may stick to the conventional way, there's one local man who's bringing people closer to nature.

He is, Dr. Charles Coles II, a graduate of the Chicago National College of Naturopathy, where he earned a doctoral degree in the science of Naturopathy.

His Rejuvenation Holistic Healing Center located in East Orange, caters to digestive problems to healing the inner soul. Dr. Coles has discovered the practice of holistic medicine and aromatherapy, to be an overall rewarding remedy.

"Holistic medicine is looking at

the whole body rather than a segment or part of the body," he said.

"It's the spiritual and mental realm, body, mind, and spirit."

Holistic medicine has been around since the days of ancient Egypt, when the natural resource of medicinal healing was extracted from mother earth. Holistic healing is now making a comeback as a popular alternative toward better health.

"Eighty-five to 95 percent of the conditions the human body is dealing with comes from the digestive system," said Dr. Coles, who believes it's due to poor nutrition and diet. "The digestive system is responsible for giving the nutrients to the body and removing the toxins. If these poisons and toxins reach high levels, the body will shut circuit."

Dr. Coles has his patients go through an orientation on the computer, which indicates the energy level flow in the body no matter

what condition they're in. He feels these tests can tell a lot about a person's health status.

"When a doctor does some work on a patient, they either have yes to cancer or no to cancer. They may have a scale from 0-10, with the scale reaching between 2-10 with nothing wrong. They just go home not knowing they could be down to zero," said Dr. Coles. "When we test a person, we can see whether they've fallen into that degenerative scale and start to do something to prevent their body from breaking any further."

Following a session, Dr. Coles offers a guideline to healthy living through herbs and aromatherapy, which is incorporated in the ambience of his office — soothing music, pleasing aroma and a rejuvenating prognosis.

"If your desire is to move away from a disease state to a healthier state, than this holistic approach is the way to go," said Dr. Coles.

Cancer Institute supports Minority Health Month

NEW BRUNSWICK — As part of National Minority Health Month, the Middlesex County Community Cancer Awareness Coalition will present a play performed in Spanish about breast cancer entitled, "El Secreto de María" on at 7 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Suydam Street Reformed Church.

A questions-and-answers session will be conducted and refreshments will be served. The program is free, but pre-registration is encouraged.

"El Secreto de María" is a dramatic theater presentation written by Aracely Rosales together with Dr. Generosa Grana, Copper Hospital/University Medical Center, and the Women's Cancer Screening Project.

With this play, the Middlesex County Community Cancer Awareness Coalition hopes to make



Dr. Generosa Grana

encourage open discussions about breast cancer and improving early detection and screening rates.

The public should call (732) 521-1402 for information or registration.

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Date: September 14 - October 19, 1999 - Tuesday evenings

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Place: Sister Marie de Pazzi Conference Center MOB 1

Contact: (732) 745.8600, Ext. 8198

Registration Required Fee: \$50.00

Legs for Life

Screening for Leg Pain (For those over 50)

Date: September 17, 1999

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Sister Marie de Pazzi Conference Center MOB 4&5

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Living with Chronic Lung Disease

Date: October 12, 19, 26, 1999

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Place: Sister Marie de Pazzi Conference Center MOB 3

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HeartBeat

A salute to Minority Health

State Summit "The Black Experience"



Secretary of State Rev. Buster Soaries will address summit.

The state has made impressive gains in important health outcomes over the past few decades. But it still faces the disturbing fact that health disparities persist between whites and minorities.

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Minority Health, and its Advisory Commission invite you to the first in a series of summits focusing on reducing disparities and improving the health of New Jersey's minorities.

The Office of Minority Health Advisory Commission is organizing an ongoing leadership in providing the full summit on what can be done by government, the health care industry, and the community to improve the health of African Americans.

The first summit, "The Health of Minorities in New Jersey: Part I: The Black Experience," will take place on Tuesday, September 21, and Wednesday, September 22, 1999, at the New Jersey Hospital Association in Princeton.

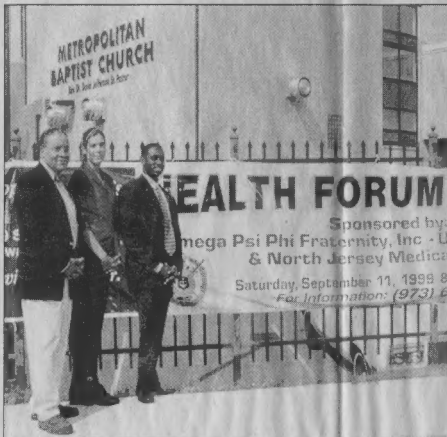
The summit will begin with panel discussions on data, cultural competency, HIV/AIDS, and best practices in minority health. On the second day, Gov. Whitman will join in prior to the summit participants moving into small working groups to draft concrete steps to address issues in disparity. Rev. Buster Soaries, Secretary of State, will summarize these recommendations as the closing speaker.

In the spring, 2000, The Health of Minorities in New Jersey, Part II, will focus on Latino health issues.

Adult day care's role as substitute caretaker

NEW BRUNSWICK — Increased longevity has resulted in many adult children becoming caretakers for their elderly parents, or for a husband or wife to care for an ill or disabled spouse. One out of four people over 65 have some type of chronic disability. Their need for constant care can place a great physical and emotional strain on the caregiver. This strain and demand can become overwhelming and can eventually weaken a relationship that had been strong and loving for many years. Research has shown that caregivers need breaks for their own health and well-being. The solution for these caregivers is Adult Medical Day Care — a facility that provides short-term quality care while giving the caregiver a much needed respite. Adult day care offers an alternative to nursing home confinement by allowing clients to live at home with their families in a familiar environment on evenings, weekends and holidays, while receiving individualized care in a home-like setting during weekdays. Caregivers can feel confident that their loved ones are in a safe, caring environment, while they go to work, go shopping or run other errands. There are about 4,000 adult day care centers nationwide, serving some 88,000 clients. The best way to determine if an adult day care center is right for you and your loved one is to visit the facility, meet with staff and see what activities are offered during the day.

Metropolitan Baptist church hosts men's health forum



Pictured here are (l-r) Dr. Alfred Gaymon, president of North Jersey Medical Society and Tracy R. Swirczynski and Frank Hosen, Jr. of Pfizer Laboratories. They'll take part in the Minority Health Forum set September 11 at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark.

Photos by Billy Jones

NEWARK — "Men Empowered: Taking Charge of Our Health" is the theme of a men's health forum hosted by Metropolitan Baptist Church in conjunction with the Newark Department of Health and Human Services and the Newark Municipal Council's Health Care Committee on Saturday, September 11, 1999 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church at 240 Springfield Ave., Newark New Jersey. The forum is the third in a series coordinated by the North Jersey Medical Society of the National Medical Association (NMA) and the Upsilon Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and sponsored by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Previous sessions were held in Orange and East Orange, New Jersey.

According to organizers, the forum, which is free and open to men in the greater-Newark area, will feature blood screenings, informal consultations with area doctors, and the dissemination of literature and information pertinent to men's health issues.

Community and social organizations, medical institutions and faith-based organizations in the Newark area are encouraged to participate. The health fair will accommodate 500 participants.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. immediately followed by blood screenings and a continental breakfast. Attendees must fast before coming. No food or beverages should be consumed after midnight the night before the forum. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., local doctors will make presentations on such topics as Prostate Disease and Sexual Health, Heart Disease, Hypertension, Hypertension Treatment Strategies, Managing Diabetes,

Controlling Cholesterol, and How to Prevent Gastric and Colon Cancer followed by a question and answer session with the doctors. Participants will indulge in a healthy soul food lunch from 1 - 2 p.m. The goal of the forum is to raise public awareness about men's health issues and to provide an informal setting in which men of the community can fellowship, share and gain valuable, life-saving information. According to Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, "The primary purpose of this forum is to narrow the divide between those who have knowledge of their medical needs and are taking action, and those who do not know their health conditions and are afraid to find out." Women are encouraged to bring their husbands, sons, co-workers and other men in their lives who are traditionally reticent about seeing a doctor.

We want to empower the men of the urban community to take a more proactive stance when it comes to their health," says Alfred C. Gaymon, MD, president of the North Jersey Medical Society. Knowledge is power. The more we know, the better prepared we are to ensure that we make healthy choices in a timely manner.

"This is not a one-time event at Metropolitan Baptist Church," says Dr. Jefferson. "The beginning of a series of events that brings resources and expertise directly to the neighborhood of high-risk, disenfranchised men, women, and children. We're taking a programmatic approach to community health care."

For additional information, call Metropolitan Baptist Church at (973) 642-2267.

2nd Home extended care for seniors

By Sakina Spruell
Correspondent

PATERSON — Many people look forward to retiring but very few look forward to growing old. The latter must not know the inside about senior living.

Ann Williams, an over 60 woman living in Paterson retired last year after 20 plus years at North Jersey Developmental Center in Totowa and hasn't missed a step yet. Attending Mardi Gras in New Orleans yearly with her fellow Elks members, Williams enjoys all the luxuries of being a senior as well.

From ten percent discounts at the shops to discounted airfare, Williams reaps all of her senior benefits. Just as she did ten years ago, Williams still works the city polls every election.

She's up by 6:30 a.m. every morning and does her laundry faithfully every Thursday at 7 a.m.

This is not to say that all elderly are as spry as Williams. Unfortunately often with age, comes ailment.

But with these new assisted senior day care facilities springing up all over the state, even those seniors that would normally be sick and shut-in are still in the mix.

Thanks to adult medical day care facilities such as Second Home and Young at Heart, seniors receiving Medicaid are privy to a full range of social, recreational and medical assistance programs.

Second Home opened in Paterson last August and just opened a new facility in Union City last month.

It's goal is to be a second home to seniors during the day, while allowing them to return to their own homes at night.

The day care facility provides two meals a day, and transportation to and from home in addition to transportation to the supermarket or hairdresser.

To become a Second Home member, a senior must be on Medicaid and have a medical problem, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, or osteoporosis, and receive clearance from their doctors to join.

Since it's not rare for African-Americans to suffer from any one of these ailments at an early age, much less as a senior, finding an opening in these facilities are as difficult as finding an opening in a quality children's day care.

Dean Ricciardi, vice president of Second Home envisioned the day care facility to be a respite for caregivers and adults who are taking care of their parents.

And despite all of the recreation and socializing that goes on at Second Home, there are in-house doctors and nurses who tend to medical needs.

In addition, a dentist and podiatrist come in regularly and a social worker handles concerns such as food stamps, electricity cutoffs and appliance repairs.

In the shore area, there is a facility called Young at Heart, where 65-year old Eunice Burrell of Asbury Park is considering taking her great-aunt and namesake, Eunice Kershaw.

Burrell said she is considering the facility for three reasons: She has heard such good things about it; it will allow her aunt to socialize with people her age during the day; and mainly because she will still come home at night.

Kershaw is 92 years old and still keeps house about three minutes away from her niece who has been looking after her for close to 30 years.

As Burrell combed her aunt's hair, she explained that "the older ones need to have their own."



2nd Home members Luis and Norma Algarin stand in front of Paterson location.



UNION CITY — (bottom left) North Hudson Community Action Center medical director, Jorge Luis Vera, M.D. (right), joins with 2nd Home vice president Dean Ricciardi and director of operations Shavonne Sumter at the grand opening celebration of Union City's new 2nd Home adult medical day care center. The \$11 million facility at 3610 Palisade Avenue offers programs 100-percent covered by Medicaid and a full range of easily accessed quality services that foster and maintain independence in the community. 2nd Home is also coming to Elizabeth on N. Broad Street by the end of the year. For information, call 1-877-550-4663. (Right) Ann Williams an over 60 senior stills a vogue pose. She enjoys the senior life — retired Williams travels extensively and is making the best of her golden years.

Senior House Calls program opens at Stephen Crane

NEWARK — The Center for Geriatric Health Care at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, and the Newark Housing Authority have made good on a promise to establish another community-based geriatric health program.

This time, Senior House Calls, will be housed at Stephen Crane Elderly in Newark. The program, will serve residents of Stephen Crane Elderly and Kean Elderly and the surrounding senior community. Stephen Crane Elderly is located at 801 North 6th Street. The goal of Senior House Calls is to provide on-site health services to seniors who may have limited access to medical care. The Senior House Calls staff is comprised of physicians, advanced practice nurses, social workers and support staff, who specialize in the care of older adults.

The staff conducts assessments and develops individualized plans for residents and provides specialty referrals for podiatry and dental services. In addition, residents are also able to take advantage of monthly education forums, exercise classes and support groups. Partial funding for the program is provided by the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey.

The Saint Barnabas Health Care System provides comprehensive, integrated, senior health services to older adults throughout the state. Physicians, nurses, therapists and other health care professionals, experienced in treating the conditions and disorders associated with aging, work with patients in a variety of clinical settings. The focus of the Senior Health Network is helping seniors maintain their independence and functionality.

A critical component of the Senior Health Network Membership Program is wellness and education. A free senior membership program gives adults over age 50 opportunities to participate in programs that focus on staying healthy.

The Center for Geriatric Care at Newark Beth Israel, provides a full range of services for seniors. In addition to the Senior House Calls program, other services offered include: primary health care, geriatric care coordination, a 32-bed geriatric inpatient unit, Adult Day Care, Senior Health Network membership, and specialty referrals. For more information about the Center for Geriatric Health Care at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center call (973) 926-8491.

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September 8 — September 14, 1999

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9/17 Jackie Jones

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8/24 Yaron Israel Connections

Join Yaron for this celebration of this newly released third CD as a leader, "Live at the Blue Note" on half note records. For this performance, "Connection" will include guitarist Ed Cherry, vibraphonist Bryan Carroll, saxophonist Ron Blake, bassist Sean Conly and possibly some surprise guests.

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9/12 and 9/19 Gene Phillips

Stranger to us, this Newark-born saxophonist has been performing with other groups that have performed at The Priory. See what the talk is about!

9/16 Roy Crosse Trio

Known internationally as a visual artist, Roy's going back to his roots in Trinidad with his steel drums. This trio has some interesting tunes for Newark.

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Elliott, no singular sensation



Photo by Pamela Springsteen

Richard Elliott blends jazz and reoplights as an innovative business man.

Fuses jazz and business

One of the most consistent artists in smooth jazz, saxophonist Richard Elliott is set to bow his eleventh album "Chill Factor," for Blue Note Records, which was released recently.

Four of his previous releases went all the way to No. 1 on the national radio charts, and his last album, "Jumpin' Out," was selected as the No. 1 smooth jazz album of 1998 by leading trade publication *Billboard*.

A pure entertainer, who developed his stage finesse as a member of the seminal Tower of Power, Elliott leads his band into New York for a series of concert dates.

"Chill Factor" is a collection of R&B-spired soul-jazz, deep rhythmic grooves and boisterous pop instrumentals.

Mainly working with a tenor sax, Elliott's "voice" is meaty yet refined and unfolds with grace over the eleven songs.

Smooth jazz stars Peter White and Rick Braun contribute guitar and flugel horn respectively, with the latter appearing on the title track, the first single served-up to radio stations.

Sedrah Garrett's vocals ("Brand New Heavens, Quincy Jones) seduce on the romantic, "This Could Be Real," which was serviced to Urban Adult Contemporary radio formats.

A go-go beat gets things bumpin' on "Who?" and melodies don't come any brighter than "Like Butter," "Moomba" and "Deep Touch" but their mark subtly, but no less effectively.

Elliott already slew radio charts with his hit contribution to the "Blue Note Salutes Motown" CD, a rousing version of "Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing," which also appears on "Chill Factor."

Becoming a father for the first time last September inspired the closing number "Mikayla's Smile," a departure in its stark simplistic soprano sax and acoustic guitar arrangements.

As much as his recording and performing career is more than a full-time gig, he somehow finds time to be founding partner and president of PacificNet, the fourth largest Internet service provider in the Los Angeles area now in its fifth year.

The innovative PacificNet is one of the first companies in the world to offer high-speed wireless Internet connections and e-mail paging systems and provide services to such prestigious companies and personalities as CBS, Los Angeles Dodgers, Dunn & Bradstreet, Wayne Gretzky, Sinbad, and Trauma Records.

Even with all this going on, he still manages to deliver possibly his finest album yet with "Chill Factor."

Ain't nothin' goin' on but Gwen Guthrie

On February 4, 1999, singer-songwriter Gwen Guthrie, best known for her No. 1 R&B single "Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent," died at the age of 38, though she had a lifetime of great music yet to give.

Gwen Guthrie: The Ultimate Collection, the first ever retrospective of her most popular songs, was released to stand as a testament to Guthrie's prodigious talent and her musical influence.

Though she had not released an album in several years, her impact is still felt in the most contemporary circles. Among others, popular female rapper Foxy Brown has cited Guthrie as an inspiration. Ironically, the week Guthrie passed, Brown released her *Chyna Doll* album, which included an update of "Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent."

A 14-selection album, *Gwen Guthrie: The Ultimate Collection* spans her six-year run of hits for Polydor and Island beginning in 1982, with the Island tracks featuring production by reggae rhythm masters Sly & Robbie. Highlights include "Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent" in both extended vocal and dub versions, and the Top 40 R&B hits "It Should Have Been You" and

"Padlock," each making their CD debuts in rare 12-inch mixes by legendary Garage DJ Larry Levan.

The album also boasts club classics "Peanut Butter," "Peek-A-Boo" and "Seventh Heaven," and Guthrie's international R&B hit interpretation of "They Long To Be Close To You," acknowledged by Burt Bacharach as his favorite version of the song made famous by The Carpenters.

Guthrie's greatest musical contribution was undoubtedly her use of reggae rhythms in her R&B and disco. By 1978, she had relocated to Jamaica, although she occasionally returned to the U.S. for session work. Her soulful vocal contributions to Peter Dinklage's albums led to Sly Dunbar and Rickie Shavers' production of her self-titled debut. They would be major assets on all of her albums, though she wrote and produced most of the tracks she recorded.

Her second album, *Portrait* (1983), featured famed P-funk keyboardist Bernie Worrell. Her breakthrough, however, came with *Good To Go* (1986), which spawned her chart-topping "Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent." Now, with the release of this compilation, finally, there ain't nothin' goin' on but Gwen Guthrie.



Gwen Guthrie: The Ultimate Collection, a retrospective of Guthrie's most popular songs, stands as a testament to the musical influence and prodigious talent of the late diva.

The Organ Series

The Organ Series will take place at The Priory on 233 West Market Street, Newark NJ

DATE:	TIME:	PERFORMING:
Thursday, Sept 30	8 p.m.	Charles Earland w/ Reid
Saturday, Oct 9	8 p.m.	Jimmy McGriff & Hank Crawford

Tickets: \$20 per series
\$35 for both series

Performance: 2 Full Sets
Tickets on Sale: September 15
Tickets and Info: (973)-639-7892

Advance Ticket Sales Only—Limited Seating—Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.



Rahzel

Root's Godfather of Noyze

The undisputed "Godfather of Noyze" has redefined the beat box. A self-defined "vocal percussionist," Rahzel (rhymes with "gazelle") has perfectly mastered this quintessential hip hop art form and has emerged as a "true virtuoso."

To hear him is to be converted. Rahzel is best known as a member of The Roots, hip hop's cutting-edge live band.

Over the past several years he has emerged as

the one to watch.

His eagerly anticipated debut album on MCA Records, entitled *The Fifth Element*, Make the Music 2000 boasts guest performances by Aaron Hall, Q-Tip of A Tribe Called Quest on "To the Beat," and Black Thought of The Roots on the R&B flavored "Suga Sista." Brandford Marsalis and McShell N'Degrocello guest star on the psychedelic jazz/funk track "My Soul" and Pete Rock lends his production skills on the first single, "All I Know." Rahzel's band mates The Roots also produced and performed on several tracks on *The Fifth Element*. Make the Music 2000.

The project is drenched with an urban eclectic edge/unique sound that rejects categorization.

A collage of almost every musical genre, it is well-positioned for classicists.

Though his tastes do run far and wide, Rahzel is quick to acknowledge first and foremost his hip-hop origins.

Growing up as a youngster in New York, Rahzel admired his cousin Rahim, a founding member of the pioneering Furious Five.

Over time, Rahzel's own gifts for vocal percussion led him to seek his own career as an artist.

Nay-sayers not yet initiated to the mystery of sound best perceive. A new wave reverberates the existing sound barrier Rahzel "The Godfather of Noyze" has emerged as the new triumph.



Billboard

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

NEW YORK — The Knickerbocker Bar and Grill presents pianist Steve Kuhn, bass player David Fick, and drummer Billy Drummond through Sept. 11 8 p.m. (212) 228-8490.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

NEWARK — The Priority Jazz Restaurant presents singer Betty Duchanter, part of the Friday Night Jazz Series 7 p.m. (973) 242-8012.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

MILLVILLE — The Gallery of American Craft at Wheaton Village hosts an art exhibit and sale of entertaining crafts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (609) 852-6800.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

NEWARK — The Priority Jazz Restaurant presents saxophonist Gene Pridemore, part of the Bright Moments Sunday Jazz Brunch 11 a.m. (973) 242-8012.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

NEW YORK — The Knickerbocker Bar and Grill presents pianist Ronny Whyte and bassist Boots Malenon through Sept. 16 8 p.m. (212) 228-8490.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEW YORK — B.B. King comes to the Beacon Theater with his blues festival 8 p.m. (212) 496-7070.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NEWARK — The Priority Jazz Restaurant presents the Dixie Jones, part of the Friday Night Jazz Series 7 p.m. (973) 242-8012.

MAHWAH — Ramapo College presents the Mississippi Charles Bevel Band at the Anjelica and Russ Berie Center for the Performing and Visual Arts 8 p.m. (201) 884-7602.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NEWARK — The Priority Jazz Restaurant presents the Yoron Israel Connections Band, part of the Friday Night Jazz Series 7 p.m. (973) 242-8012.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

MAHWAH — The Ramapo College Arts Department presents the Dixie Gillespie All-Stars at the Anjelica and Russ Berie Center for the Performing and Visual Arts 8 p.m. (201) 884-7602.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Jay Leno live, with music from The Second Anniversary Gala Celebrating NJPAC's Second Anniversary with an evening hosted by America's king of comedy who welcomes a variety of special music guests 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

RAHWAY — The Arts Guild of Rahway hosts an art exhibit featuring the work of painter Hugo Bastida 1 p.m. (732) 381-7211.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Bobby McFerrin, solo a capella concert. A Metropolitan area exclusive appearance and an NJPAC debut. This event is part of the AT&T Premier Artist Series 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

NEW YORK — The Gospel musical "The Devil Made Me Do It" comes to the Beacon Theater 8 p.m. (212) 496-7070.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

NEW YORK — Joyce Soló hosts an explosive dance exhibit featuring the work of Luis Lara through Oct. 3 8 p.m. (212) 334-7479.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Latin Jazz Festival featuring The Chusos Valdes Quintet and The Danilo Perez Trio 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

BROOKLYN, NY — World Festival 2000 returns with a weekend of food, fun and music for the whole family at Fort Hamilton Military Base through Oct. 11. Call (718) 430-4982.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

NEW YORK — Feinstein's at the Regency presents Rosemary Clooney 8 p.m. (212) 339-4128.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Festival Caribeno Asadielle with Conjunto Folklórico De La Alcaraz Dominicana and Venio De Agua at 2 p.m. At 8 p.m., Edward Villeta's Miami City Ballet performs. Call 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents the Edward Villeta's Miami City Ballet 3 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents The King's Singers and Glenn Gilman, percussion. A Metropolitan area exclusive and NJPAC debut 7:30 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

'Sugar Town,' where the happy, shallow, and ruthless people go

Allison Anders and Kurt Voss' *Sugar Town* had its World Premiere as the centerpiece film of the 1999 Sundance Film Festival.

Stingingly funny and poignant, the film explores, in authentic detail, the Los Angeles music scene—a treacherous world where people live on every rung of the ladder exploit each other in pursuit of fame and success.

As the LA music scene thrives, the beat goes on.

Some grow to feel out of touch, out of tune, and out of time. Perfect pitch eludes them and perfect partners don't exist.

But with so many friends, lovers, bandmates, enemies, wives, husbands, has-beens, wannabes, cowboys, wores, and soulmates around, chords are bound to be hit.

Gwen (Jade Go-

dol) is a ruthlessly ambitious young woman who will do anything to secure a position as the next rock goddess.

Gwen takes a job "cleaning house" for Liz (Ally Sheedy), a production designer looking for a New Age love, possibly in the form of record producer Burt (Larry Klein) who also composed *Sugar Town*'s soundtrack.

Liz is best friends with former screen ingenue Eva (Rosanna Arquette), the wife of famed Brit rocker Clive (played by real-life former Duran Duran band member John Taylor).

Clive and his bandmates (played by real-life former Power Station band member Michael Des Barres and former Spandau Ballet band member Martin Kemp) are trying to get a new album

off the ground, but find themselves a bit more dated than they thought they were.

Their one hope at getting their album released is merry land wealthy widow Jane (Beverly D'Angelo), who has a specific fondness in mind...

Unified in their ambitions to "make it

big," the characters are divided by age, sex, and class, and, more importantly, by what they will (or will not) do to get ahead.

The film's rich ensemble cast also includes Richmond Arquette, Vincent Berry, Lusia Cavazos, John Doe, and Lucinda Jenney.

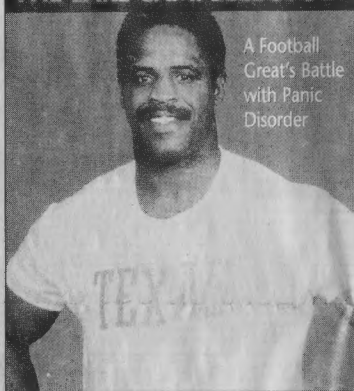


Photo by Johnny Buzzerio

Right (l-r) Jade Gordon and Larry Klein, left (l-r) Ally Sheedy and Rosanna Arquette star in *Sugar Town*.

'Panic' debuts on HBO and sheds light on disorder

THE EARL CAMPBELL STORY



A Football Great's Battle with Panic Disorder

An Oscar-winning actress. A football legend. A model. They're all successful, but they're also three of the estimated 23 to 28 million Americans who suffer from a medical condition known as panic disorder, which can threaten happiness, careers and even lives.

Featuring interviews with people whose lives have been utterly disrupted by irrational, paralyzing terror, and with the doctors who treat them, "Panic" sheds light on this often-misunderstood condition and the therapy to deal with it when the American Undercover documentary debuts Monday, Sept. 13, (9:30-10:30 p.m. ET), exclusively on HBO (Other play dates: Sept. 17 (9:00 p.m.), 22 (12:30 a.m.) and 26 (4:30 p.m.). Telling their stories for PANIC are:

• **Kim Basinger** - Long before winning a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for the 1997 film

"LA Confidential," Basinger experienced fear. "Fear is something I've lived with my entire life," she confesses. "Especially fear of being in public places, fear of fear, fear that fear would come."

She had her first panic attack in her 20s, when she froze in a health-food store for several minutes, then drove home and stayed there for six months. Even after becoming a star, Basinger's panic persisted.

• **Earl Campbell** - As a Heisman Trophy-winning running back at the University of Texas and later with the Houston Oilers, football star Campbell had no problem dealing with high-pressure situations.

However, one day shortly after his football career ended, he was paralyzed with panic while driving. After a week in the hospital, Campbell locked himself in his room at home with the shades drawn.

He even contemplated suicide, but talked himself out of it.

• **Suzanne Kulperger** - This young model is plagued by panic attacks that manifest themselves through dizziness, shortness of breath, crying and anxiety escalating to terror.

To overcome feelings of "helplessness," Kulperger's Exposure Therapy includes driving in heavy Los Angeles traffic with no air conditioning to heighten the sense of "suffocating."

Although panic is almost always treatable, 3 out of 4 sufferers do nothing about it. Also interviewed for "Panic" are experts who explain the physiological and sociological causes of panic attacks, as well as what can be done to survive and prevent them.

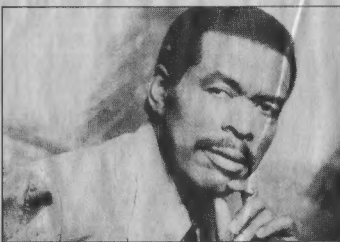
Dr. Richard McNally observes, "People who are suffering from panic disorder... have all the reason to hope that they can get this thing under control."

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Jazz resource on the Internet

• The purpose of Jazz Corner is to unify the jazz community in cyberspace to conduct business as well as inform and inspire. The site provides a direct link between the consumer and the music-creating resource for jazz newcomers and enthusiasts, while also providing a forum for musicians to showcase their work.

• With close ties to more than 150 jazz musicians and organizations, Jazz Corner has been named in the "Top 10 Jazz Sites" by both The New

York Times and The Los Angeles Times, and "Best of the Web" by Web Magazine.

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Getting better everyday

• This summer, Jazz Corner is launching a new resource for the jazz fan online, "Baileys Jazz Date." The Site has joined forces with Baileys Original Irish Cream to offer complete jazz club and venue listings for the Northeast United States.

• Launched this month, "Baileys Jazz Date" also hosts a "club room" for visitors 21 years of age and over, which will offer drink recipes and tips for listening to jazz.

For additional information, visit www.jazzcorner.com/baileys.

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CITY CLASSIFIED LEGALS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

By the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick
The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick
seeks proposals from qualified attorneys licensed
to practice law in the State of New Jersey, for the
provision of the following General Legal Services, to be
performed over a time period of one year starting with
the beginning of the contract.

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

The services to be provided in accord with the
attached form of contract.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals shall contain the following:

1. A description of respondents qualifications and
experience.
2. Submit a monthly retainer fee to provide said legal
services.
3. A schedule of hourly rates must be provided for all
categories of staff who will be assigned to perform the
above services, if a contract is awarded, and other
charges, if any, must be specified.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

The descriptions of respondents qualifications and
experience shall evaluate/consider that respondent
possesses the following:

1. A broad and practical knowledge of New Jersey
Contract Law and procedure, regarding civil litigation
and experience regarding the application of same.
2. Strong analytical, interpretive, and oral and written
communication skills.
3. Skills, capabilities and legal work experience of a
level that would assure completion of the above scope
of work in a timely and satisfactory manner.
4. If required, necessary licenses, registration and/or
certifications.
5. Certification that the individual is not declared
bankrupt.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria shall be used in evaluating
proposals:

SELECTION CRITERIA	WEIGHT
1. Degree to which respondent meets the qualifications and experience requirements listed above.	(Assign weight of 70% to 80%)
2. Acceptability of proposal. (Assign weight of 10% to 20%)	

TOTAL WEIGHT ASSIGNED

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals (original plus two) shall be submitted to the
Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick, at the
close of the business day on September 28, 1999.
If you mail your proposal, please address to:

Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick
Ms. Andrea Eto
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
730-745-5156

The Authority retains the right to accept all and/or
part of and to award the contract as deemed to be in
its best interest.

Kevin Jones
Executive Director
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ALTERNATE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT (APA) COORDINATOR

Salary \$52,222 - \$71,913

In conjunction with the Office of Assessment and the Office of
Special Education, oversee the development and implementation of
the APA for students with severe disabilities, manage activities per-
formed by external reviewers, establish administrative procedures of
educators and parents of students with disabilities, develop and dis-
seminate report forms, and conduct stakeholder training with the
Office of Special Education, coordinate activities with the Office of
Assessment staff responsible for the Elementary School Proficiency
Assessment, Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment, Special Review
Committee Proficiency Assessment, and Special Review Assessment, and
also work closely with the Office of Special Education to analyze,
interpret, and disseminate APA results. Requirements:
Master's degree in education, educational psychology or educational
measurement with training or experience related to students with
disabilities. Five years of professional experience preferably
associated with testing and measurement.

Please forward resumes or later than September 17, 1999. Applications
received after closing date may be considered if position is not filled.

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Gloucester County Office, Sewell, NJ
Salary \$62,475.14 - \$84,833.00

Reports to the county superintendent. Analyzes district business man-
agement practices, reviews school and district budgets in accordance
with state laws and regulations, and assists in the areas of elections
transportation, facilities, data and management. Requirements:
Master's degree in education, business or public administration
3 years experience in public education, at least 5 years of experience
in school business management including school budget preparation.
Administrative duties with experience for either school bus man-
agement or assistant superintendent for business.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

The Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) is seeking proposals from qualified real estate
appraisers for real estate appraisal services as
required by CRDA related to properties which the
CRDA may acquire in the City of Atlantic City, NJ.
If awarded a contract your company/firm will be
required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975,
c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) (Law Against Discrimination in
Public Contracts).

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00
AM on Thursday, September 10, 1999 at CRDA's
offices located at 1014 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ
(between Pennsylvania and Virginia Avenues). Copies of the Request for Proposals will be distributed
at the mandatory conference. The mandatory pre-bid
conference will begin promptly at 11:00 AM. No one will
be admitted after the meeting commences. Proposals will
not be accepted from firms which do not have a
representative admitted to the mandatory pre-bid
conference.

Proposals will be required to be received by the CRDA
by 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 25, 1999.
Proposals will be opened publicly at that time. No
sealed proposals will be accepted.

Questions are to be directed to:

Daniel J. Saul
Casino Reinvestment Development Authority
1014 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
609-347-0500

\$18.90

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES

The Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) is seeking proposals from qualified environ-
mental consulting firms for work as required by CRDA.
(A) to provide an assessment report on the environ-
mental condition of properties which the CRDA may
acquire, (B) to provide oversight of remediation and
remediation work, and (C) to provide general consul-
tation for environmental issues.

If awarded a contract, your company/firm will be
required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975,
c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) (Law Against Discrimination in
Public Contracts).

The firm to which this contract is awarded will be
required to subcontract work to a Minority Business
Enterprise (MBE) or a Woman-Owned Business
Enterprise (WBE), certified as such by the New Jersey
Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, to meet set-aside goals for good faith
efforts as required in N.J.A.C. 17:14-4.3, 17:15A-10A.
Applicants and their qualified subcontractors must be
MBE or WBE may be directed to the New Jersey
Commerce and Economic Growth Commission's Bid
Notice and Certification Office, 20 West State Street,
P.O. Box 820, Trenton, New Jersey 08646-0820, 609-
707-0885.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00
AM on Friday, September 10, 1999 at CRDA's offices
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Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REAL ESTATE TITLE SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

The Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) is seeking proposals from qualified title in-
surance companies for real estate title services as
required by CRDA related to properties which the
CRDA may acquire in the City of Atlantic City, NJ.
If awarded a contract your company/firm will be
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A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00
AM on Thursday, September 9, 1999 at CRDA's
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conference will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. No one will
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Proposals will be required to be received by the CRDA
by 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 25, 1999.
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Questions are to be directed to:

Daniel J. Saul
Casino Reinvestment Development Authority
1014 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION SERVICES

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mental remediation firms for work as required by CRDA.
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acquire, (B) to provide oversight of remediation and
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Proposals will be opened publicly at that time. No
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Questions are to be directed to:

George W. Jones
Casino Reinvestment Development Authority
1014 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ 08401
609-347-0500

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
(hereinafter called the Authority) invites proposals
from qualified firms to perform an Independent Financial
Audit of the Authority's Financial Programs for the
year period of July 1, 1999 through June 30, 1999.
Only sealed proposals from qualified, professional
accounting/firming firms will be accepted until
3:00 PM (opening time) on Friday, October 1, 1999
in the Authority's Administrative Office, P.O. Box 237,
Clifford Court Long Branch, NJ 07745.

The successful firm should be prepared to begin by
November 1, 1999 with the FY '99 final audit report
prepared for submission to the HUD Regional
Inspector General for Audit by March 1, 2000. The
audit must be performed in accordance with the U.S.
General Accounting Office Standards for Audit of
Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities,
and Functions, the single audit of 1988, HUD
Handbook 1474, the Uniform System of Accounts
of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
as provided in the OMB Revised Circular A-133, Audit of
State, Local, Governmental, and Non-Profit
Organizations, HUD Notice PH 96-32, Compliance
Requirements for Annual Audits of Public Housing
Agencies, the Local authorities Fiscal Control Law,
40A-S.A. 15 & 16, and the New Jersey Administrative
Code 5:31-7.6-7.9.

Interested firms should contact the Authority's Finance
Department (732) 222-3747 extension 118 in order to
request the proposal package for this contract.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of any
60 days subsequent to October 1, 1999 without the con-
sent of the Authority. The Authority reserves the
right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any
incompleteness in the proposal process.

BT William J. Law, Executive Director

\$30.41

INVITATION FOR BIDS HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

FOR BOILERS, HOT WATER HEATERS AND ASSOCIATED PARTS

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (HNA) will
receive sealed bids for the following Materials:

ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1999 AT 10:00 AM

99-B14881 BOILERS, HOT WATER HEATERS & ASSOCIATED PARTS

All bid packages shall clearly identify the specific
applicable bid item and will be addressed and
received on the above dates by the Contracts
Director, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 500
Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 at which
time and place the bids will be publicly opened and
read in the presence of all prospective bidders.

Bid Specifications for the above are available for pick
up at the Contracts Division of the HNA at the above
address. Telephone (973) 737-6500.

The Bids and Performance Bonds are not required
for these bids. Bidders are required to comply with the
requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127, Alternative A.

The HNA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in
the event that less than two (2) bids are received at
the designated time of bid opening. The HNA reserves
the right to reject any or all bids and to award all or
a portion of the award to one or more responsible bid-
ders.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60)
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUTER RAILROAD STATION

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT)
has conducted an Environmental Assessment to con-
sider the social, economic, and environmental impacts
associated with the proposed construction of a new
commuter railroad station, parking lots and associated
facilities at the Union Township Rail Station, Union
County, New Jersey. The station, as proposed,
would be built on the site of the currently operating
Rensselaer facility, which is located southeast of
the intersection between the rail line and Morris
Avenue (State Route 82). The site is composed of Lots
3 - 8 in Block #102 as shown on the tax map for Union
Township. The project is proposed for funding by the
Federal Transit Administration under the
Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century and the
State of New Jersey.

The proposed action would include construction of an
approximately 2,400 square foot station building, 5-8
foot-long high-level cantilever platform, pedestrian
underpass, two parking lots with a total of 400 spaces,
and associated passenger amenities. A copy of the
Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed
Commuter Railroad Station and Parking Lot at
Union/Township Railroad Station is available for review
and comment by an individual, citizen group or public
agency during normal business hours at the following
locations:

New Jersey Transit Corporation Headquarters
One Penn Plaza, New York, NY 10019-2246
Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246
Contact: Albert R. Heathwood, III
Telephone: (973) 491-7022

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration
One Bowling Green, Room 429
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Contact: Anthony G. Carr
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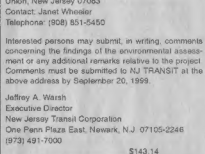
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1950 Morris Avenue
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Contact: Janet Wheeler
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Interested persons may submit, in writing, comments
concerning the findings of the environmental assess-
ment or any additional remarks relative to the project.
Comments must be submitted to NJ TRANSIT at the
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Rearing gifted blacks can be a prodigious task

To be young, black and gifted can be a curse as well as a blessing, as success can breed contempt. However, parenting a young black prodigy can be even more challenging.

As Tiger Woods, Venus Williams and Serena Williams continue to kick some serious behind in their respective sports, the media — and the golf and tennis community in particular — keep kicking their parents, criticizing their roles in the children's careers.

Tiger's father Earl Woods has been portrayed as meddlesome and accused of orchestrating the split between Tiger and his agent at the powerful International Management Group. Richard Williams, father of Venus and Serena, has been depicted as wacky, kooky and completely unsophisticated in the customs of professional tennis.

To be sure, it can be fairly said that Woods and Williams are hard driving parents who clearly expect the best from and for their children.

But what separates them from other well-known prodigies' parents is that Tiger, Venus and Serena appear genuinely devoted to their parents. This clearly distinguishes them from teen tennis sensations Jennifer Capriati and Mary Pierce, and football phenom Todd Marinovich. Capriati's career self-destructed in her early teens amid conflicts with her parents. Pierce had to secure a court order of protection against her manager/father, and Marinovich's relationship with his father soured in an ugly, public way. As the younger Marinovich battled a cocaine problem as well, as his father's career

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crashed and burned in his early 20's.

Whatever your opinion of Earl Woods and Richard Williams, both share loving and nurturing relationships with their kids, have masterfully guided their careers, and strenuously refuse to cede all control of those careers to others.

Apparently, this last fact rubs members of the golf and tennis establishments the wrong way.

The sporting establishment (agents, coaches, writers, owners etc.) and the rest hold in contempt those athletes and advisors who refuse to play the helpless pawn in the big money chess game that is professional sports. Woods and Williams have consistently and defiantly challenged the establishment on their children's behalf, and thus ticked some people off.

However, as long as their kids continue to enjoy success, the last laugh will always be theirs.

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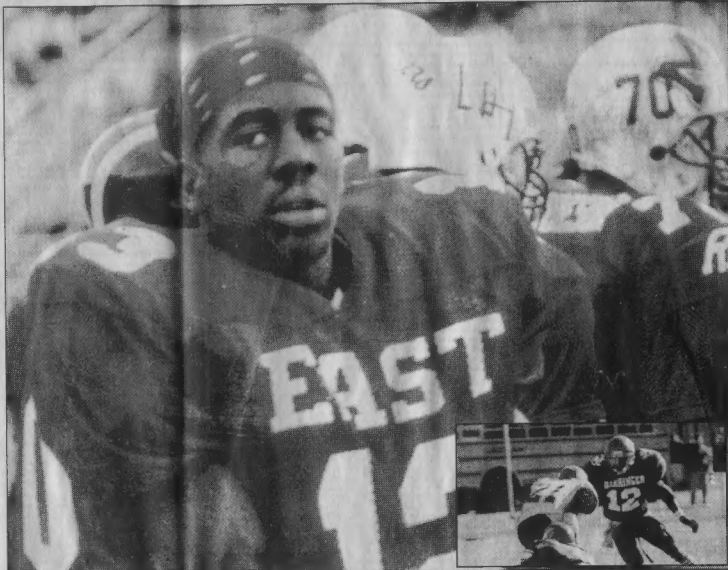
From Barringer High to Montclair State University

Jaison Frazier led the way for Barringer High School in Newark as its senior quarterback. The 5-9 Frazier earned a spot on the second team All-Essex Defense team as a defensive back and the opportunity to play on the East All-Star team in the Paul Robeson All-Star Football Classic held in June. The East squad

5-9 Frazier earned spot on All-Essex & East All-Star Paul Robeson Football Classic

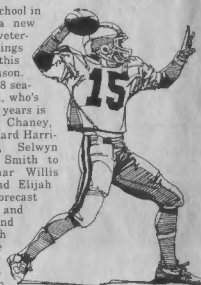
defeated the West 28-24. This fall Frazier takes his talented skills to Montclair State University, where he'll be vying for a defensive back starting position.

This past Saturday Montclair State University held its Fourth Annual Fan Appreciation Day at Sprague Field, where families and friends of the MSU football team came out to watch the players practice between 9-11 a.m. The day kicked off the official rallying call for fans to come out and support their MSU team. Last Year MSU put up an 8-3 overall record for the season and are looking to improve upon that this year.



Clifford Scott hoping to kick-off a good season

Clifford Scott High School in East Orange touting a new crop of players and key veterans is looking to turn things around on the grid-iron this year with a winning season. Coming off last year's 2-8 season, coach Bill Norwood, who's been at the helm for 25 years is depending on Douglas Chaney, Rasheed Hardman, Richard Harrison, Wilner Hodlik, Selwyn Roberts and Michael Smith to guide newcomers Omar Willis, Donovan Lightburn and Elijah Myers. The team's forecast outlook this year — 6-3 and to get by DeBartolo and Wayne Valley High School. Defense will be key with senior Quadir Taylor who turned in 25 tackles last year and two interceptions, along with senior teammate Richard Harrison, who threw down 32 tackles.



Althea Gibson Foundation honors first scholarship winner



A gala at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center celebrated Althea Gibson's social contributions and those of Billie Jean King, Zena Garrison, Pam Shriver and Arthur Ashe. Enjoying the event along with more than 275 attendees are, from left, former New York Giant Harry Carson, American Tennis Association player development director Dues Evans, the \$1,000 Althea Gibson Scholarship's first winner Timi Kano Solomon (a Fairleigh Dickinson student), Arthur Ashe's widow Jeannie Moutousamy Ashe, and Nets General Manager Willis Reed. The event included a silent auction of sports greats, including Tiger Woods, Dennis Rodman and Shaquille O'Neal. Proceeds benefit the Althea Gibson Foundation.

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